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Washington, D.C. 20231

**PETITION TO GRANT FILING DATE
FOR NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION**

Responsive to the Notice of Incomplete Nonprovisional Application, mailed

September 13, 2001, applicant respectfully requests that a filing date of July 23, 2001, be granted for the above-identified application.

Applicant encloses a Fee Transmittal (in duplicate), a check in the amount of \$130.00 for the Petition fee, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(h), and copies of the following filed on July 23, 2001. A refund of the petition fee is earnestly solicited.

1. Utility patent application, written in the Chinese language, including 52 pages of specification, 10 pages of claims, 4 abstracts, and two sheets of drawings, as filed on July 23, 2001;
2. Utility Patent Application Transmittal;
3. Application Data Sheet;
4. Fee Transmittal;
5. Check in the amount of \$1,000.00; and

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6. Returned postcard indicating receipt by the Patent Office of the documents in item Nos. 1-5 on July 23, 2001.

Also enclosed is a copy of the Notice of Incomplete Nonprovisional Application mailed September 13, 2001.

Applicant notes that the Utility Patent Application Transmittal indicates that **four** sheets of drawings were filed with the application. There were only **two** sheets of drawings filed with the application, but two **copies** of the two sheets of drawings were erroneously included in the application as filed. Therefore, the application as filed had more than one set of the same drawings. The returned postcard shows that the number of sheets of drawings was manually changed from four drawings to two drawings before it was mailed to the Patent Office. The Utility Patent Application Transmittal was not corrected, and should only show two sheets of drawings.

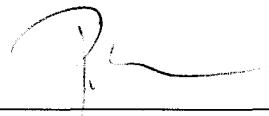
Applicant will provide an executed Declaration for Patent Application, an English translation of the patent application, and a statement that the translation is accurate, by the stated deadline of November 13, 2001. Applicant is aware that additional claim fees may be assessed, once the number of claims is determined. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the additional fees for claims in excess of 20 claims, or the additional fees for independent claims in excess of 3 independent claims, to Deposit Order Account No. 50-1868, when the English translation is filed.

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Applicant has already paid the \$130.00 fee for processing a nonprovisional application filed with a specification in a language other than English, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i), as shown on the enclosed Fee Transmittal filed with the application on July 23, 20001.

No additional fees are required at this time. However, should any additional fee be due, the Commissioner is authorized to charge such fee, or credit any overpayment in connection with this matter, to Deposit Order Account 50-1868. A duplicate of this Petition is enclosed to facilitate this process.

Respectfully submitted,



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Date: October 19, 2001

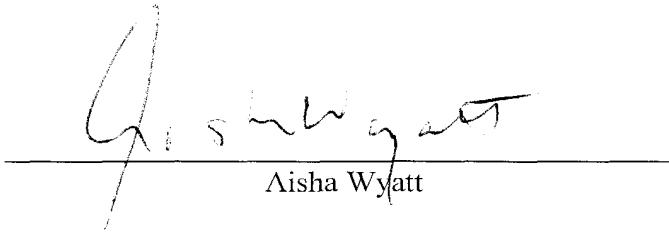
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CERTIFICATE OF MAILING UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.8(a)

I hereby certify that this PETITION TO GRANT FILING DATE FOR
NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION, and any paper referred to as being attached or
enclosed, are being deposited with the United States Postal Service on the date shown below
with sufficient postage as first-class mail in an envelope addressed to Commissioner of Patents
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Date: October 19, 2001

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